

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3170 - SB 3456

March 16, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to perform a test for chronic wasting disease (CWD) on all deer, including elk, harvested or found dead on TWRA wildlife management areas. Requires funding for such testing be derived from excess revenue deposited to the Wildlife Resources Fund from certain nonprofit organizations pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-1-302(k).

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$194,400/Wildlife Resources Fund**

Assumptions:

- According to the TWRA, there is an average of 6,479 dead deer and elk found on such wildlife management areas annually.
- According to the Southeastern Cooperative for Wildlife Disease Study, a CWD test costs approximately \$30.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from the Wildlife Resources Fund is estimated to be \$194,370 (6,479 x \$30).
- Under current law, revenue collected from such nonprofit agencies is deposited into the Wildlife Resources Fund. Under the provision of this bill, such money would be earmarked exclusively for CWD testing.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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